DISTRICT REPORTS.

8. Markets how supplied.

9. Progress of agricultural operations, state of standing crops, prospects and probable outturn of harvests, serious damage done to crops by insects or other natural calamities.

10. Prospects of season, tracts in which the rainfall has been insufficient, areas affected by scarcity, number of people under relief, and state of food stocks.

11. Public health.

12. Remarks as to the condition of agricultural stock, failure of pasturage of fodder, etc.

BANGALORE CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION.

	Average for the past five years of the corresponding week.	*Current.*	
Prices of food grains—Rice* ...	7·2	5¾ to 6	seers per rupee.
Ragi ...	18·1	11 to 11¼	

* Rangoon rice, 2nd sort, is sold at 8 seers per rupee.

Agricultural operations.—Fields are being ploughed. Cattle are in good condition. Water and fodder sufficient.

BANGALORE CITY AND TALUKS.

8. Market generally well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing and manuring of the fields are being carried out in parts of all the taluks.

Crops sown.—Sugar-cane is being planted in some places of Hoskote and Devanhalli Taluks; gingelly seeds sown in Kankanhalli and Magadi Taluks, and jola in Kankanhalli Taluk.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane is in good condition in some places of Hoskote, Dodballapur, Nelamangala, Kankanhalli and Magadi Taluks, and moderate in the Bangalore, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane is being milled in some places of Hoskote Taluk. The yield is expected to be 8 annas on an average.

10. *Prospects of the season.*—The prospects of the season are reported to be good in Nelamangala, Magadi, Channapatna and Anekal Taluks, moderate in Bangalore, Kankanhalli, Taluks and Closepet Sub-Taluk and to be encouraging in Hoskote Taluk. Scarcity is reported to be felt in some places of Bangalore, Hoskote and Devanhalli Taluks. Some of the tanks have received some supply of water during the week. One to three months' supply in Hoskote; half to one month in Channapatna Taluks. Water difficulty is still felt in Magadi Taluk.

Number of persons employed in tank and well works:—12 in Hoskote, 140 in Dodballapur, 2,233 in Nelamangala, 40 in Magadi and 214 in Devanhalli Taluks.

Number of persons in receipt of gratuitous relief:—364 in Bangalore, 20 in Dodballapur, 16 in Nelamangala and 40 in Magadi Taluks. Food stuffs are available but their prices continue to be high.

11. But for small-pox in some places of Hoskote, Magadi, Anekal, Devanhalli Taluks and Closepet Sub-Taluk, measles in Hoskote and Anekal Taluks, and hooping-cough in Magadi Taluk, the public health is generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" is prevailing in some places of Hoskote, Kankanhalli, Magadi (severe) Channapatna, Anekal and Devanhalli Taluks, "Galiseke Roga" in some places of Hoskote Taluk, "Chappe Roga" in Kankanhalli Taluk and "Neradi Roga" in Anekal Taluk. Fodder and water are available for the present except that well water is being drawn and used for cattle in some places of Magadi, Channapatna Taluks, and Closepet Sub-Taluk.

KOLAR.

8. Market moderately supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing is carried on in many parts of the district.

Standing crops under *kapile* wells are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Paddy, jolam and sajje in parts of the Bowringpet Taluk, and sesamum in parts of the Malur Taluks.

Crops harvested.—Bengal gram in the Mulbagal Taluk; jolam in parts of the Bagepalli, Srinivaspur and Gudibanda (Sub) Taluks, and Vaisakhi paddy in parts of the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk.

Outturn of harvest.—Bengal gram in Mulbagal—2 annas; jolam in parts of the Bagepalli, Srinivaspur and Gudibanda (Sub) Taluks—4 to 8 annas. Vaisakhi paddy in the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk—4 to 8 annas.

10. Prospects of the season not satisfactory. Prices of food stuffs rule high. Want of rain is felt all over the district. Relief is being afforded to the needy in the affected parts of the district.

11. Except for small-pox in parts of Mulbagal and Srinivaspur Taluks, and the Gudibanda Sub-Taluk, public health is generally good.

12. Rinderpest is reported to be prevailing in parts of the Bowringpet, Chintamani, Mulbagal, Sidlaghatta and Bagepalli Taluks. Water and fodder are fairly sufficient.

TUMKUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured in most parts of the district.

Crops sown.—Cholum, green gram and black gram in the Chiknayakanhalli Taluk; cholum in the Gubbi Taluk; nati ragi in Pavagada Taluk; cholum in Kunigal Taluk; sugar-cane in Koratagere Sub-Taluk; and gidda ragi, cholum and til in Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Sugar-cane in Tumkur and Koratagere Sub-Taluk; paddy in Maddagiri, Sira and Pavagada Taluks, and Koratagere Sub-Taluk; cholum in Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks; nati ragi in Sira Taluk, and cotton in Pavagada Taluk.

Standing crops are reported to be in moderately good condition in the taluks of Tumkur, Chiknayakanhalli, Sira, Gubbi and Kunigal and Koratagere and Turuvekere Sub-Taluks; paddy under wells in certain portions of Maddagiri and Pavagada Taluks is in fair condition and in other portions is withering for want of water in wells.

10. Prospects of season "appear to be encouraging but are still uncertain." General condition of the district is not quite satisfactory. Works are still in progress and gratuitous relief is being continued. Prices of food grains are high.

11. Except for small-pox and cholera in certain villages of the district, public health is generally good.

12. Dod Roga, and Chappe Roga are prevailing in some parts of the district. Scarcity for water and fodder is being felt in many parts of the district. Temporary wells are being dug in several villages to mitigate water scarcity. Date leaves and leaves of trees are being used as fodder in taluks of Chiknayakanhalli and Sira and Turuvekere Sub-Taluk.

MYSORE.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands all over the district are being ploughed and sown.

Standing crops are in good condition. But the crops in parts of Harave hobli in Chamrajnagar Taluk need rain.

Crops sown.—Gidda ragi in parts of Mysore, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks; cholum in all the taluks except Hunsur, Heggaddevankote and Seringapatam Taluks; black gram, green gram, horse gram, halasandi and ballar in parts of Mysore Taluk; gingelly in parts of Mysore, Hunsur, Gundlupet, T.-Narsipur, Malvalli, Mandya, Krishnarajpete and Nagamangala Taluks; togari and castor in parts of Mysore, Gundlupet and Malvalli Taluks; togari in parts of T.-Narsipur, Mandya and Krishnarajpete Taluks; samé in parts of Hunsur Taluk; kambu in parts of Mandya Taluk are being sown. Sugar-cane is being planted in parts of the Mysore Taluk; kar paddy is being transplanted in parts of T.-Narsipur Taluk; and the remaining wet lands are being sown with horse gram and manurial crops.

Crops harvested and their yield.—Nil.

10. Prospects of the season, though indifferent in parts, are getting more hopeful with the recent rains. Food stuffs are available in all the taluks. In Nagamangala the well-to-do raiyats have stock of grain. Two hundred and ninety-nine persons in the Nagamangala Taluk are reported to be under gratuitous relief and the expenditure has amounted to Rs. 1,673-9-5. There are none under relief in the Mandya Taluk. In the Krishnarajpete Taluk Rs. 689-2-0 have been paid to coolies employed on tank works and ragi worth Rs. 421-13-9 has been gratuitously distributed. More rain is needed in villages south of Hura in the Nanjangud Taluk; and Sosale and Bannur hoblis of the T.-Narsipur Taluk.

11. Except for plague in parts of Mysore, Hunsur, Gundlupet and Nanjangud Taluks; cholera in parts of Hunsur Taluk; small-pox and measles in parts of Malvalli Taluk, public health generally good.

12. "Dod Roga" and "Chappe Roga" are still prevailing among cattle in parts of the district, but they are subsiding in the T.-Narsipur Taluk. Cattle are being inoculated in parts of the Malvalli Taluk. Fodder is scarce in parts of the Mandya Taluk. Temporary wells are being sunk wherever difficulty for water is felt.

HASSAN.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Ploughing and manuring lands continue throughout the district. Paddy in parts of Manjarabad, Belur and Alur Sub-Taluk; black and green grams, jola and gingelly in parts of Arsikere Taluk; gidragi, jola, gingelly and green gram in parts of Channarayapatna Taluk are being sown.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in parts of Belur, Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks and in Alur Sub-Taluk, and kar paddy in parts of Manjarabad Taluk and Alur Sub-Taluk are in a fair condition. Sugar-cane is withering in parts of Hassan Taluk.

Outturn of harvest.—Sugar-cane 8 annas in the Channarayapatna Taluk.

10. Prospects have improved. More rain is required in all parts of the district for sowing the *mungar* crops. It is reported that some of the tanks in the Channarayapatna and Hole-Narsipur Taluks have received some supply of water. Food stuffs are available.

11. Except for ague and dysentery in parts of Manjarabad Taluk, and cholera in parts of Arkalgud Taluk, public health is generally good.

12. Cattle are generally in fair condition, but "Dod Roga" still prevails in parts of Arsikere Taluk and Alur Sub-Taluk. Fodder is available in limited quantities and water-supply has improved owing to recent showers. Paddy straw continues to be imported into the Arsikere and Channarayapatna Taluks.

SHIMOGA.

8. Market fairly well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands are being ploughed and manured throughout the district.

Standing crops.—Sugar-cane in all taluks of the district is in moderately good condition. But requires rain in the maidan parts.

Crops sown.—Paddy in some parts of Sagar Taluk and sugar-cane in Nagar Taluk.

Crops harvested.—Nil.

10. Prospects of the season uncertain. People are anxiously looking forward for rain throughout the district. Food stuffs are available in the market, but their prices continue to be high.

11. Except for cold and fever in some parts of the malnad taluks, public health is generally good.

12. Fodder and water are available for the present. Murrain still continues in parts of Shimoga and Honnali Taluks.

KADUR.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural operations.*—Lands all over the district are being ploughed.

Standing crops.—In Chikmagalur and Kadur, kar paddy and sugar-cane; in Koppa, pepper and sugar-cane; in Mudgere, Kodi paddy. These crops are reported to be in an unsatisfactory condition for want of timely and sufficient rain. No crops in other taluks.

Crops harvested and their yield.—

Kadur—Sugar-cane, yield 8 annas.
Koppa—Pepper and sugar-cane, yield on a small scale.

10. Prospects of the season appear to be somewhat encouraging by recent showers, but are still uncertain. More rain is eagerly looked for in all parts of the district to enable ploughing and sowing. Food stuffs are available, but their prices are still high.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle are generally healthy. "Dod Roga" and foot and mouth disease are declining in the taluks of Chikmagalur and Kadur. Water and fodder are available in the malnad, but difficulty is felt in procuring them in the maidan parts of the district.

CHITALDRUG.

8. Market well supplied.

9. *Agricultural Operations.*—Raiyats were engaged in preparing their lands in parts of the Hiriyur, Hosdurga, Challakere and Holalkere Taluks, where there were some showers and they are anxiously expecting more rain to commence ploughing and sowing operations.

Standing crops, such as paddy, tobacco, sugar-cane and cotton under kapile wells, are reported to be in fairly good condition.

Crops sown.—Nil.

Crops harvested.—Paddy in the Challakere and Molakalmuru Taluks, yield 2 to 8 annas; navané and jola in the Challakere Taluk, yield 2 to 4 annas.

10. Prospects of the season fair, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Hiriyur, Challakere, Davangere, Jagalur and Hosdurga Taluks. Food stuffs available. On account of demand for labour in the affected parts of the district, several works were started to relieve the distress of the poor and the needy. Takavi loans and gratuitous relief in grains were also given to the poor and helpless raiyats in the affected parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Jagalur, Hosdurga Taluks and Harihar Sub-Taluk.

11. Public health generally good.

12. Cattle healthy, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Holalkere, Davangere and Hosdurga Taluks. Water and fodder available, except in parts of the Chitaldrug, Challakere, Hiriyur, Davangere, Molakalmuru, Hosdurga Taluks and Harihar Sub-Taluk. But fodder is insufficient; those that can afford get it at very high rates from places where the same is available; while others take their cattle to forests where it could be had. Date leaves are also used for cattle in some parts. Water difficulty is on the increase, but every effort is being made to lessen it by deepening the existing wells and sinking new ones.

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